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Early Years Newsletter

29 February 2024



Welcome to the Provider Update 24 (2023/24)

We hope you are all well.

As you know Easter is very early this year and with tomorrow being the first of March, it's just around the corner! Daffodils are starting to appear so let's hope that means warmer weather.

The Early Years Team

Sir Martyn Oliver – His Majesty’s chief inspector for standards in Education.

Sir Martyn Oliver has now been in post for nearly 2 months and has outlined his priorities for the Early Years sector in the latest Ofsted blog: Ofsted: Early Years. Do have a read.

[Early Years Quality and Improvement - My priorities for the early years sector](#)

Unable to offer a child a place at your setting?

We understand that you are all receiving additional requests from parents for placements for their child. If you are unable to offer a place, and the parent has disclosed that their child has additional needs, would you please sign post them to the EYService Adviceline (EYSadvice@gloucestershire.gov.uk) 01452 425959 for support to find a placement. Please note that we would ask that you only do this for children whose needs are high enough for you to consider that you are unable to meet needs within your current cohort and **not** for children where you simply do not have sufficient places.

Ofsted replaces EY3 form with a new process for reporting changes to registered people

Ofsted has today confirmed that it has removed the EY3 (*Report changes to registered people in a nursery or other daycare*) form from the Gov.uk website, and replaced it with a new process for providers to notify them of changes to registered people.

Under the new process, nominated individuals should email enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk, using the email address associated with their Ofsted registration.

In the email, the nominated individual should include the following:

- the words ‘report association changes’ in the subject line
- their organisation’s unique reference number (URN)
- the change to the registered person(s) including:
 - their name and date of birth
 - if they are joining or leaving the organisation
 - their role in the organisation
 - any other changes involving them
 - the date the change(s) take effect

Ofsted said that the aim of the change is to reduce the administrative burden on early years providers. They will aim to respond to emails in five working days and will let you know if they need any further information.

Further information on the process of reporting changes to registered people in your early years setting is available [here](#).

Childminding Conference – Saturday 18 May 2024 – Cheltenham Chase Hotel 9-4.

Thank you to those of you who have booked a place to attend this exciting event. We are really pleased with the take up. Over 50% of the places have already been booked. If you are keen to attend, hear great speakers, network with other childminders, enjoy speaking with interesting stands then please secure your place by logging on to GCC+. If you have difficulty booking a place, do contact the [admin team](#) for support. We don't want anyone to miss out!

Safeguarding module for Early Years – Tuesday 19 March – Tithe Barn, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham.

This is the last opportunity that we have secured for Sue Wheeler, an experienced social worker, to come and run this informative session. Places are limited so please book through GCC+. There is no limit on the number of places your setting can request so make it a team event.

Early Help Practitioner Newsletter for February 2024 can be found [here](#).

DSL Support Hub

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the next DSL support hub on Wednesday 6 March 2024. These 30 minute sessions run every other Wednesday throughout the academic year (term time only) – At this meeting Sophie Gilbert and Ian Morgan will be providing an overview of Early Help Coordinator & Community Social Worker services.

The next DSL Support Hub meeting is at 8.30am on Wednesday 6 March 2024.

To join the session:-

Please use the following log in details to access the session as a guest user:

<https://gccplustraining.org/course/view.php?id=374>

Password: SupportAll

Then, to join the event:

- click the 'BigBlueButton' (DSL Support Hub Meeting Room),
- click Join Session,
- choose to join with microphone option. Please allow the ECHO test to fully complete and you will enter the room.

Please do not set up your own account on GCCPlus Training as this account will not be enrolled to the training course. Access to the session is through the details above.

We advise that you take a moment to log on 24 hours before the event to ensure that you have access. Should you have any difficulties, please contact us via gsep@gloucestershire.gov.uk before the session. Unfortunately, once the session starts we are unable to sort queries as we shall be delivering the session.

This session will be recorded. The notes and recording will be made available on our Safeguarding in Education Traded Service page on the GCC Plus system later that day.

Training opportunities in February/March 2024

Don't miss these training and meeting opportunities between now and Easter 2024!

[ECAT Profile Training booking link](#) - 9 March 2024 - 10:00-11:30 - Virtual via Zoom (ONE PLACE REMAINING)

[Recruitment and Retention booking link](#) - 11 March 2024 12:30-16:00 - Virtual via the Big Blue Button

[SENCo Training for Early Years booking link](#) (Day 1 of 2) - 14 March 2024 09:00-16:00 - Gloucester

Childminder Pre-Registration Information Briefing - 18 March 2024 18:45-21:00 - book via email to [EY Admin Team](#).

[Safeguarding Module for Early Years Practitioners booking link](#)- 19 March 2024 - 18:15-20:15 - Cheltenham

[Self Update Provider Portal Training booking link](#) - 20 March 2024 - 10:00-12:00 - Gloucester

[Childminder Network Teams Meeting - Spring/Summer 2024 booking link](#) - 20 March 2024 - 19:00-20:00 - Virtual via the Big Blue Button

[Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training booking link](#) - 21 March 2024 - 16:00-18:00 - Stonehouse

[New date added! ECAT Profile Training booking link](#) - 17 April 2024 - 16:00-17:30 - Virtual via Zoom

[New date added! ECAT Profile Training booking link](#) - 24 April 2024 - 16:00-17:30 - Virtual via Zoom



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